

Early Career STEM Research Initiative

To support an increase in STEM (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics) students, professionals, and exchange visitors on educational and cultural exchange programs in the United States, and in accordance with the Mutual Educational and Cultural Exchange Act of 1961, to increase mutual understanding between the people of the United States and the people of other countries by means of educational and cultural exchanges, _____, herein known as “Company,” commits to the following:

1. **Company has the interest and resources** to offer eligible exchange visitors quality training and/or research opportunities in their respective fields of study and expertise.
2. **Company affirms and understands** that the purpose of the Exchange Visitor Program is first and foremost a public diplomacy program that offers foreign nationals opportunities to participate in educational and cultural programs in the United States and return home to share their experiences, and to encourage Americans to participate in educational and cultural programs in other countries.
3. **Company understands** that through this expression of interest, BridgeUSA at the U.S. Department of State may share its name and point of contact below with Department-designated sponsors of the Exchange Visitor Program who in turn may contact Company with offers to sponsor exchange visitors based on the Company’s interests and focus areas. This list should not be considered an endorsement of any company or sponsor.
4. **Company affirms and understands** its responsibility to work with a sponsor to ensure the objectives and requirements of the Exchange Visitor Program are met. Company understands that this statement creates no legal obligation.

PRINTED NAME

TITLE

SIGNATURE

DATE



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